

Remarks

Claims 1-14, 16, 18, 20, and 22-27 are pending in the application with claims 1-14, 16, 18, 20, and 24 amended herein. Applicant expresses appreciation for the allowance of claims 22-27. Applicant requests entry of the amendment under 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2) after final rejection as presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal since the Office Action presents new grounds of rejection. The amendment incorporates the subject matter of previous claim 16 into claim 1. The amendment also introduces the subject matter of amended claim 16, as supported by page 8, lines 5-6 of the specification, and amended claim 18, as supported by a combination of claims 4 and 8. Further, the amendment corrects the typographical inconsistency of "Phthalocyanine" in the specification and claims.

Claims 1-14, 16-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-14, 16-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement in the specification.

The present reply is not intended to be a complete reply under 37 CFR 1.111(b), but to address selected issues raised in the new grounds of rejection in the Office Action. Since amended claim 1 now sets forth a black liquid toner, aspects of the rejection of such claim involving dry toner no longer apply. Also, since claim 18 now sets forth both blue and violet pigment, aspects of the rejection of such claim involving more broad color choices no longer apply. Applicant incorporates by reference the prior assertions of patentability of the pending claims and requests entry of this amendment. Applicant requests an advisory action regarding the subject matter of the present reply so that a clear issue can be developed between Applicant and the Office before appeal.

The Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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